

## Abstract

When an image group of character images such as a word consists of character images, which are character code data candidates as their character recognition certainties are higher than a prescribed value, and character images, which are character image data candidates as their character recognition certainties are lower than a prescribed value, a computer 10 with a capability of functioning as an image processing device has a character output format judgment unit 33 that makes a judgment to cut out all character images within said word without converting them to character code data to form character image data.